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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Marshall Islands - Marine Safety Advisory**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands has published a marine safety advisory this week on the subject of Port State Control. The document outlines recent problems that occurred during inspections of tank vent heads, advising owners and operators of faults to look out for and recommending that vent heads are opened and inspected every three months. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Revisions**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands has also issued two revised notices this week. The [first](#) is designed

to ensure that pilot transfer arrangements, use and maintenance conform to recently revised IMO regulations. The [second](#) provides guidance on, and clarifies the use of, electronic documents and certificates.

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- **Panama - Merchant Marine Notice**

The Panama Maritime Authority has released a merchant marine notice detailing port security measures issued by the USCG. These port security measures apply to ships entering US ports from countries that do not maintain effective anti-terrorism measures. The notice includes a full list of countries affected and advice for ships. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK - MSN 1831 (M+F)**

The UK MCA has issued MSN 1831 (M+F) detailing vessel traffic monitoring notification and reporting requirements for ships and ports. This notice replaces MSN 1817 and should be read in conjunction with SI 2004/2110 (as amended) and MGN 438. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Guidance Note**

ABS has issued a guidance note on the carriage of integral refrigerated containers on board ships. The guide provides details of technical and survey requirements and covers topics such as air supply systems, fire protection and monitoring and alarms. [Read more.](#)

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- **ABS - Guidance Note**

ABS has released a guide for the use of lithium batteries in marine and offshore industries, which is designed to facilitate the effective installation and operation of lithium batteries, as well as outlining basic safety principles. [Read more.](#) ABS has also issued updates to two existing documents: [Certification of Container Securing Systems](#) and [Fire-Fighting Systems for On-Deck Cargo Areas.](#)

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- **ABS - Guidance Notes for Offshore Vessels**

ABS has published five guidance notes this week relating to offshore vessels. These include requirements for [offshore mooring chains](#), guidelines for the [lay-up and reactivation](#) of offshore support vessels (OSVs) and advice on [dropped object prevention](#).

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- **Bureau Veritas - Guidance Notice**

Bureau Veritas has released a guidance notice outlining recommendations and requirements for implementing a risk-based structural integrity management system for offshore jacket platforms. [Read more.](#)

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- **Lloyd's Register - Statutory Alert**

Lloyd's Register has issued a statutory alert on the Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention. The alert applies to fixed installations and mobile units and gives details on how owners can achieve compliance. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club**

Member Alert - Nickel Ore

The American Club has issued a member alert advising on the beginning of the 'nickel ore season' in the Philippines. [Read more.](#) This follows a similar loss prevention update issued by [GARD](#).

To view all notices issued by the American Club log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

- **Skuld**

Member Advisory - Soy beans

Skuld has published a member advisory notice on the loading of soy beans with high moisture content in Brazilian and Argentinian ports. The document gives information on storage conditions and recommendations for a protective charterparty clause when transporting soy bean cargoes. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Japan P&I Club**

Three updates issued this week, including:

Loss Prevention - Seto Island Sea

The Japan P&I Club has released measures to ensure the safe navigation of vessels in the Seto Inland Sea during the drift-net fishing season. [Read more.](#)

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- **The North P&I Club**

Four updates issued this week, including:

Industry News - China

The North P&I Club has issued an industry news article highlighting a recent circular released by the Chinese Maritime Safety Agency, which details the precautionary measures currently in place in several Chinese ports due to heavy fog. [Read more.](#) Similar notices have also been released this week by [The Standard](#), [The Swedish Club](#) and [The UK P&I Club](#).

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- **The Shipowner's Club**

The Shipowner's Club has issued three notices this week, including:

- **Crew Health: Advice for Safe Travel** [Read more.](#)
- **New biofouling standards issued by MPI of New Zealand.** [Read more.](#)

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- **West of England P&I Club**

News - Ballast Water

The West of England P&I Club has published a news article this week giving guidance on the new ballast water management provisions in place for ships calling at Argentinian ports. [Read more.](#)

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- **The UK P&I Club**

Four notices issued this week, including two on loss prevention:

Loss Prevention - Cold Treatment Delays

The UK P&I Club has issued a loss prevention notice outlining the cold treatment process and the requirements and regulations that apply to cargoes of this type. [Read more.](#)

Loss Prevention - Causes of Container Claims

The UK P&I Club has created a booklet that details the top 25 causes of container claims and gives advice on how to avoid potential damage to cargo. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO News - HNS Convention**

Norway has become the first country to ratify the 2010 HNS Convention. The convention aims to ensure adequate compensation for ship damage and economic loss resulting from the transport of hazardous or noxious substances and must be ratified by at least 12 States before it enters into force. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Arctic Thaw**

An article by the Shipping Herald reports on the recent findings from a report by the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP), which show the rapid melt-rate of Arctic ice. Although Arctic warming will lead to easier access to oil and gas resources and open up new shipping routes, it could cost the global economy between \$7 trillion and \$90 trillion dollars over the next 90 years. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Panama Canal**

Marine Insight has published an article this week on the recent modifications made to fuel requirements for the Panama Canal. The article provides a summary of a recent shipping notice issued by the Panama Canal Authority (ACP), which details the changes that vessels must make. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Piracy**

A Somali national has been given a life sentence for his part in the failed attack on a US naval ship 330 nautical miles off the coast of Djibouti in 2010. [Read more.](#) This conviction follows a report this week claiming that, despite a reduction in the number of attacks over the last five years, the Somali coastline is still an extremely vulnerable target for piracy. [Read more.](#)

Guidance Article for Subscribers - The Polar Code



Witherby Publishing Group has produced a guidance article for Shipping Regulations and Guidance subscribers. It includes an explanation of the Polar Code and provides an update on requirements and further developments.

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Recent Accident Reports

- **Denmark - Marine Accident Report**

The Danish Maritime Accident Investigation Board (DMAIB) has issued an accident report on the fire, and subsequent evacuation, on board the fishing vessel 'Vesturland'. [View Report.](#)

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- **Malta - Safety Investigation Report**

The Maltese Marine Safety Investigation Unit (MSIU) has published two safety investigation reports this week. The [first](#) investigates the fire on board the passenger cruise liner MV 'Azamara Quest', which took place off the coast of Mumbai, India and was caused by a pressurised fuel oil leak. The [second](#) report looks at the fatal fall overboard from the bulk carrier MV 'Seagull' and emphasises in its findings the importance of proper risk assessment.

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- **UK - Investigation Report**

The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) recently issued an investigation report on the global clipper 'CV 21'. Two crew members died in two separate incidents during a round the world yacht race. [View Report.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **MSC.1/Circ.1002/Corr.2 - 26/04/17**

GUIDELINES ON ALTERNATIVE DESIGN AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIRE SAFETY. [View Circular.](#)

- **MEPC.1/Circ.778/Rev.2 - 25/04/17**

LIST OF SPECIAL AREAS, EMISSION CONTROL AREAS AND PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA

AREAS. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1275/Corr.1 - 21/04/17**

UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2 ON THE NUMBER AND ARRANGEMENT OF PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ON BOARD SHIPS. [View Circular.](#)

- **FAL 41/INF.1 - 10/04/17**

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS. [View Circular.](#)

- **Circular Letter No.3720 - 31/03/17**

Intersessional Technical Cooperation Committee Working Group on the Technical Cooperation Programme and the Sustainable Development Goals. [View Circular.](#)

- **SSE 4/INF.1 - 27/03/17**

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS. [View Circular.](#)

For all recent IMO public circulars, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations and amendments that have entered into force this year include:

From 1 January 2017 -

- Amendments to the 2010 Guidelines for Monitoring the Worldwide Average Sulphur Content of Fuel Oil Supplies for Use On-board Ships (MEPC.192(61))
- The Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code
- SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 19 - BNWAS
- International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) - SOLAS
- The Polar Code and SOLAS XIV
- Amendments to the Annex of MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV and V (making the use of the environment-related provisions of the Polar Code mandatory)
- Amendments to Regulation 12 of MARPOL Annex I
- IMSBC Code Amendment 03-15

From 18 January 2017 -

- Amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (on financial security arrangements for the protection of seafarers)

For a summary of the regulations and a full list of recent IMO regulations log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Legal Committee (LEG) - 26th to 28th April 2017
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) - 7th to 16th June 2017
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) - 3rd to 7th July 2017
- Technical Co-operation Committee (TC) - 17th to 19th July 2017
- Council - 24th to 28th July 2017
- Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) - 11th to 15th September 2017
- Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III) - 25th to 29th September 2017
- London Convention and Protocol Meetings - 9th to 13th October 2017
- Council (extraordinary session) - 20th to 24th November 2017
- Assembly - 27th November to 6th December 2017

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